

We have now been eleven days in Lucerne, but have kept very quiet, scarcely making any excursions, attempting no mountain ascensions, and only once sailing to the end of the lake, a distance of twenty-five miles, to a little village called Fluellen, in the vicinity of which the mountains group themselves in the sublimest manner. My crippled feet have had a chance to get well: but I shall not be tempted to ascend any more mountain heights, not even the Rigi, which is close at hand. We shall probably leave here on Saturday by way of Lake Constance, Heidelberg, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Cologne, &c. Frank and I calculating to reach London in the course of a fortnight. I am to have reception meetings in Birmingham, Bradford, and Leeds, to attend a Temperance meeting at Manchester, and finally to wind off with a public breakfast at Liverpool. It is settled that Frank will return home with me, but as yet uncertain whether Harry and Fanny will be able to return this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Miller (Miss Smith's daughter) have been in Lucerne, and will accompany me to Boston in the fall on the 26th of Oct. So will Anne Warren Weston. Ever this I presume you will have seen our good friend Miss Sarah Bradford, from whom I have abandoned the idea, though I should like to see the city. The and Dr. Henry J. Bowditch. but very little of her in Paris, she could not communicate much will be able to tell you many interesting things concerning her European visit. Mrs. Edly is always reticent; and as we saw

do our country & the country of the President. You are doing M.D. 5.
mean once more. - The election look adverse to the Republicans.

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Dear Wife - Yesterday's mail brought us letters from
you and William as late as the 10th inst. We have been kept
so regularly posted as to home affairs by you both, that we
scarcely seem to have been absent at all; and yet four months
and a half have been added to "the years beyond the flood"
since I bade a reluctant adieu to Rockledge. Should I reach
home by the time I now calculate, just six months will have
elapsed, instead of four, as I first intended. The tone of
your letters has shown that you have borne my absence bravely,
although at times, as you intimate, it has caused a feeling
of loneliness, and extorted some tears. That you would have
done without the aid of Julia, and the companionship and kind
attentions of dear Mary Ann, - to say nothing of the kindnesses
of other friends, - I dare not conjecture, and it is quite useless
to do so. I trust it will be in the power of Mary Ann, as I
know it will be in her heart, to remain with you till I get
back. I need no assurance from you that she has been as an
affectionate sister in all things, cheering your spirits, attending
to your needs, and being generally useful in matters pertaining
to the household. I read your commendations of her with
great pleasure, and shall add to them my grateful acknow-
ledgments on my return. May her health be better in the
end than when she came to Rockledge.